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REFERENCE: MAPS: Nevada, 1:50,000

Sheets: Tippipah Springs 2758 II

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TIME ZONE: Pacific Standard

TASK ORGANIZATION:

Deputy Exercise Director Brig Gen Fred W. Sladen Jr.

Control Group Commander Lt Col D.F. Reece

3d Marine Corps Brigade Brig Gen J.W. Earnshaw

Observer Group Commander Capt B. Ham

150 personnel USAF

100 personnel USMC

177 personnel 3d Marine Corps

250 personnel US Army Troops

6th Army CBR Defense Teams Major E.R. Shappell

532d FA (Obsr) Bn (-) lst Lt J.T. Breunig

50th Chemical Platoon Capt W.T. Burnham

Army Aviation Section Major J.B. Feldt

1. SITUATION

Atomic Energy Commission will detenate an atomic missile D-Day, M-Hour, which approximately 427 USAF and Marine Corps personnel, 250 US Army and Navy personnel will observe. 85 personnel from the Artillery School will test equipment and doctrine. 1,950 personnel of 3d Marine Corps Provisional Atomic Exercise Brigade (see Marine Operation Order 1-55) will participate to test equipment and training doctrine.

2. MISSION

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Headquarters Exercise Desert Rock VI will conduct Exercise Desert Rock VI-3, Shot HEE, area T-7a, D-Day, H-Hour at the Nevada Test Site to:

- a. Indectrinate observers with the actual detenation of an atomic device.
- b. Provide instruction and experience for individual protection against nuclear radiation and blast effects.
- c. Give instruction and training for tactical disposition and movement of troops, supported by helicopters and tactical air. (See Marine Operation Order 1-55)
- d. Obtain information, test equipment and train observers for FA observation Bn.
- e. Instruct personnel and test training doctrine for 6th Army CBR Defense Teams.

3. EXECUTION

3d Marine Corps Brigade; participating test units; official ebserver group will move by motor convoy to area T-7a, under control of the Control Group Commander. Participating personnel will be entrenched "H" minus 1 hour.

a. Control Group

- (1) Deputy Exercise Director and Aido
- (2) Group Commander Lt Col D.P. Reece
- (3) Rad-Safe Officer Col F.W. Ludecke
- (4) Signal Officer Lt Col J.R. Windham
- (5) Provost Morshal Lt Col A.G. Russell Jr.
- (6) Medical Officer Col R.T. Findley
- (7) Control Group and assistants will leave Camp Desert Reck in sufficient time to clear Mercury check point a minimum of 20 minutes prior to arrival of first social of meter convey.
- b. Rad-Safe: 6 mobile teams, mounted in 1/4 Ton vehicles with radies will be dug in, in vicinity of Command Trench. Will survey trench area and control movement of observers through display area.
 - (1) Will supply additional survey toams for Marine Corps on request.
- (2) Rad-Safe Officer will assume charge of evacuation in case of radioactive fallout.



- c. Medical: 12th Evacuation Hospital; 3 (2 man) aid teams located in trenches. Aid station located VIC 839962.
- (1) Air Section will maintain two (2) H-23 helicopters with litter pods, on ready alert from H-Hour until relieved.

d. Provost Marshal:

- (1) Will provide sufficient MP TCP to control the movement to and from Camp Desert Rock.
 - (2) Company "C", 505th MP Bn will supply personnel.

e. 50th Chemical Platoon:

- (1) Will provide personnel for Rad-Safe survey teams.
- (2) Operate decontamination station located at (848888).

f. Air Section:

- (1) Will maintain alert with not less than 2 H-23 aircraft equipped with stretcher pods.
- (2) Alert will be maintained from H-1 until relieved by Control Group Commander.

g. "C" Btry (-) 532d FA Battalion:

Will operate flash and sound OP's as follows:

Flash CP	810961
Flash Location NR 1	759988
Flash Location NR 2	775976
Flash Location NR 3	794969
Flash Location NR 4	824953
Flash Location NR 5	834945
Sound OP	796984
Sound CP (Alternate)	858874

h. 232d Signal Co:

- (1) Will provide two (2) direct lines to AEC Control Post at Yucca Pass.
- (2) Provide PA system in trench area and parking area, and insure that system is wired in with ABC CP.
 - (3) Provide wire communication with 532d FA Bn CP located VIC 810961.

- (4) Provide communication with parking area VIC 839961.
- (5) Provide wire communication with Marine Corps Hq VIC 783959.
- i. Coordinating Instructions:
 - (1) All permanent party personnel will draw and wear film badges.
- (2) Observer personnel will be issued and wear film badges. See SOP Dosimetry Film Badges.
- (3) Observers will be loaded on vehicles by roster. Roster will be checked and collected by group commander. Group commander will turn in certified roster to S-2.
- (4) All personnel will be informed that two (2) minutes prior to H-Hour a 15 second siren signal will be sounded. At this time the Control Group Commander will order all participants to crouch in their entrenchments well below the surface of the ground and remain in that position until announcement to rise is made over the PA system.
- (5) All personnel will be cautioned not to pick up any items from the ground.
- (6) All vehicles will be supplied with brooms and personnel will be brushed off and inspected for contamination prior to loading vehicles.

4. ADMINISTRATION

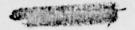
- a. Current administrative instructions apply.
- b. Transportation will be furnished by Comp Desert Rock S-4.
- (1) Vohicles will be marked on front and right side, with a letter number system, i.e., A-1, A-2, B-1 etc.
 - (2) March table and Route maps see Annexes A and B.
 - c. Medical see Para 3,c.
 - d. Uniforms and Equipment
 - (1) Clothing and Equipment:

Patigues
Combat boots
Field Jackets
Overcoats (Optional)
Helmet, steel, w/liner

Pistol Bolt Canteen, w/cover and cup, containing water First aid packet and pouch

o. Hot breakfast will be served in Camp Desert Rock prior to entrucking.





5. SIGNAL

- a. Current SOI.
- b. Forward CF Exercise Desert Rock VI opens H-60 minutes at entrenchment area control point.
- c. Radio silence from H-30 minutes to H+15 minutes with one exception, Control Group Commander's radio H-15 minutes to H-15 minutes.

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ANNEXES:

- A. Route Map and Troop Areas B. March Table
- C. Schedule of Events
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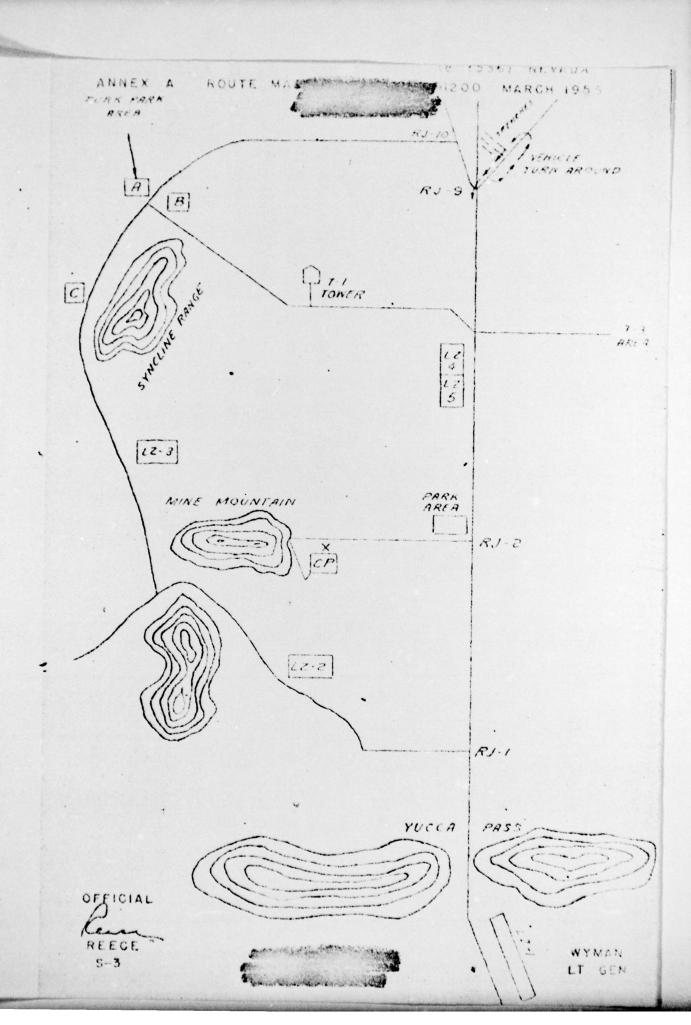
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ANNEX B VEHICL ROJER AND MARCH TABLE OF JAN JRDER NR 6

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SERIAL NR 1 "A" COLOR YELLOW

- 1. Serial Commander 2nd Lt Mortimer
- 2. Marine Hq & Hq Personnel (205)
- 3. To Marine CP Area
- 4. Moves 1300 D-1 Day

1ST SECTION

*A-1 - 1/4 Ton	A-9 - 3/4 Ton	*A-17 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-2 - 3/4 Ton	A-10- 1/4 Ton	*A-18 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-3 - 1/4 Ton	A-11- 1/4 Ton	A-19 - 1/4 Ton
A-4 - 1/4 Ton	A-13-1/4 Ton	A-20 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-5 - 1/4 Ton	*A-13-2 1/2 Ton	A-21 - 2 1/2 Ten
A-6 - 1/4 Ton	WA-14-2 1/2 Ton	A-22 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-7 - 1/4 Ton	*A-15-2 1/2 Ton	A-23 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-8 - 1/4 Ton	*A-16-2 1/2 Ton	

2ND SECTION (Leave 15 Minutes after SECTION NR 1)

A-24 - 1/4 Ton	V-3 - Tank Trk	V-11 - Tank Trk
A-25 - 1/4 Ton	V-4 - 1/4 Ton	V-12 - Tank Trk
A-26 - 1/4 Ton	V-5 - Tank Trk	V-13 - Tank Trk
A-27 - 1/4 Ton	V-6 - Tank Trk	V-14 - 2 1/2 Ton
A-28 - 1/4 Ton	V-7 - Tank Trk	V-15 - Tractor/Traile
A-29 - 3/4 Ton	V-8 - Tank Trk	V-16 - 2 1/2 Ton
V-1 - 1/4 Ton	V-9 - 2 1/2 Ton	V-17 - Wrecker
V-2 - Tank Trk	V-10- Tank Tis	

MARCH TABLE

RA	re	TYPE	TL	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
20	MPH	Open	10	IP Main Gate	1300	1310
20	MPH	. 11	ii .	Mer ck pt NR 1	1306	1316
20	MPH	u u	u	Mer ok pt KR 2	1311	1321
35	MPH	11	**	Yucca Pass	1351	1401
35	MPH	II .		RJ #2	1400	1410
	MPH	Close	11	Detrucking Area	1416	1426

*Vehicles will assemble at RJ #2. Will be dispatched to CP DR by Motor Officer in charge on D-1 Day.

*D/1 Day; will depart Camp Desert Rock for Marine CP area at 0900, load passengers, thence to trench area.

All other vehicles remain in Test Site until D/1 Day.



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SERIAL NR 2 "B" COLOR GREEN

- Serial Commander Capt Aquino 1.
- 2. Marine Troops for Loading Zone NR 3 (247)
- 3. Vehicles Assemble Parking Area RJ #2.
- 4. Moves at 1315 L-1 Day.

*B-1 - 1/4 Ton *B-2 2 1/2 Ton *B-3 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-4 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-5 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-6 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-7 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-8 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-9 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-10 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-11 - 2 1/2 Ton	B-15 - 3/4 Ton B-14 - 3/4 Ton B-15 - 3/4 Ton B-16 - 3/4 Ton B-17 - 1/6 Ton B-18 - 1/4 Ton B-19 - 1/4 Ton B-20 - 1/4 Ton B-21 - 1/4 Ton B-22 - 3/4 Ton B-23 - 3/4 Ton	B-25 - 3/4 Ton B-26 - 5/4 Ton B-27 - 3/4 Ton B-28 - 3/4 Ton B-29 - 3/4 Ton B-30 - 3/4 Ton B-31 - 3/4 Ton B-32 - 1/4 Ton B-32 - 1/4 Ton *B-33 - Tractor/Trail er *B-34 - 2 1/2 Ton
*B-10 - 2 1/2 Ton *B-11 - 2 1/2 Ton B-12 - 3/4 Ton		

MARCH TABLE

RATE	TYPE	TL	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
20 MPH	Open	10	I Main Gate	1315	1325
H M OS	ìı .		Mer ot pt NR 1	1321	1331
20 MPH	11		ker of pt NR 1	1326	1336
35 MPH		n	Yucca Pass	1406	1416
15 MPH	Close	ti .	Louding Zone #3	1446	1456

^{*}Vehicles will assemble RJ #1. Will depart for Camp Lesert Rock on order of Mctor Officer in charge on D-1 Lay.

All other vehicles remain in Test Site until D/1 Day.



^{*}D/1 Day will depart Camp Desert Rock 0920 for Area A, load passengers, thence to "BED" trench area.

ANNEX B VEHICL R LER A PLAN PLAN PLAN RDER NR 6

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SERIAL NR 3 "E" COLOR FINK

- 1. Serial Commander Capt McCorkle
- 2. Marine Personnel for Loading Zone NR 1 and NR 2 (274)
 - 3. Report to OIC Parking Area RJ #2.
 - 4. Moves at 1330 D-1 Day.

*E-1 - 1/4 Ton	*E-11 - 2 1/2 Ton	*E-21 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-2 - 2 1/2 Ton	*E-12 - 2 1/2 Ton	*E-22 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-3 - 2 1/2 Ton	*L-13 - 2 1/2 Ton	*E-23 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-4 - 2 1/2 Ton	E-14 - 1/4 Ton	*E-24 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-5 - 2 1/2 Ton	E-15 - 1/4 Ton	*E-25 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-6 - 2 1/2 Ton	E-16 - 1/4 Ton	*E-26 - 2 1/2 To.
*E-7 - 2 1/2 Ton	E-17 - 3/4 Ton	E-27 - 5/4 Ton.
*E-8 - 2 1/2 Ton	E-18 - 1/4 Ton	E-28 - 3/4 Ton.
		E-28 - 3/4 Ton *E-29 - Tractor/

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RATE	TYPE	TL	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
20 MPH 20 MPH 20 MPH 35 MPH 35 MPH	Open Open Open Open Open	10	IP (MP) Gate Mer ck pt NR 1 Mer ck pt NR 2 Yucca Pass RJ #2	1330 1336 1341 1421 1430	1340 1346 1351 1431 1440
15 MPH	Open	11	Loading Zone #2	1439	1449

lst portion of serial continues to loading zone #2, 2nd portion of serial drops off at loading zone #1.

- * Vehicles will assemble RJ #2. Will be dispatched to Ga p Desert Rock on order of Motor Officer in charge on D-1 Day.
- *D/1 Day; Depart Camp Desert Rock 0940 to area "A", load passengers, thence to "BBE" trench area.

All other vehicls remain in Test Site until D/1 Day.



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SERIAL'NR 4 "C" COLOR RED

- 1. Serial Commander 2nd Lt Sylvester
- 2. Marine Personnel for (Loa ing Zone NR 4) to Trench Area (298).
- 3. Moves D-Day.

0-1	**	1/4 Ton		C-9	***	25 Fass. Bus
C-2	***	20 Pass.	Bua	0-10	113	29 Pass. Sua
0-3	118	29 Pass.	Bue			2 1/2 Ten
C-4	***	20 Paga.	Bus	C-12	-	2 1/2 Ton
C-5	***	20 Pass.	Bua	. 0.13	***	2 1/2 Ten
C-6	**	29 Paas.	Bus	0.14	***	29 Pass, Bus
		29 Fase.		0-15	108	1/4-Ton
C-8	4 00	29 Pase.	Bua			,

MARCH TABLE

RA	TE	TYPE	TL	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
***	** ** ** *				-	Mr . #4 E1 E5 E5
20	мрн	Open	10	IP Main Cate	0217	6887
20	MPH	'n	11	Mer ok pt NR 1	0223	0233
3772.70	MPH		u	Mer ex pt NR 2	0228	0238
- 20 YEAR	MPH			Yucca Pass	0308	0318
120	MPH			NJ Y	0384	0334
1 1 2	MPH	Close		Trenches	0329	0339
				Yucca Pass	0359	0409
				THOOM LEADS	6668	6.406

All vehicles will remain at Yucca Pass (News Nob) until released by Transportation Oction in charge on D-Day.

D#1 Day: Depart Comp Desert Rock 1000 for area "A", load passengers, thence to "BEC" trench area.



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SERIAL'NR 5 "D" COLOR PURPLE

- Serial Commander 1st Lt West
- Marine personnel (Leading Zone NR 5) to trench area (290) 2.
- 3. Moves D-Day.

D-1	••	1/4 Ton	D-6 -	29 Pass	Bus	D11	••	29 Pasa	Bud
D-2		29 Pass Bus	D-7	29 Pass	Bus	D-12	**	29 Pass	Bus
D-3	**	29 Pass Bus	Dd	29 Pasa	Bus	D-13	**	29 Pass	Bue
D-4	**	29 Pass Bus	D-9 -	29 Pass	Bus	D-14		1/4 Ton	
D-5		29 Pass Bus	D-10 -	and the same of th					

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RATE	TYPE	TL.	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
20 MPH	Open	10	IP Main Gate	0232	0242
20 MPH	71	u u	Ner ok pt NR 1	0258	0248
20 MPH		11	Mer ek pt NR 2	0243	0253
35 MPH		11	Yucca Pass	0323	0333
35 MPH	H .		RJ Y	0359	03/49
10 MPH	Close	8	(*) Trenches	0342	0352
			Yucoa Pass	0418	0422

All vehicles will remain at Yucoa Pass (News Knob) until released by Transportation Officer in charge on D-Day.

D#1 Day: Depart Camp Desert Rock 1020 for area "A", load passengers, thence to "BEC" trench area.



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MARCH TABLE

RATE	TYPE	TL	LOCATION OF CRITICAL POINTS	ETA	LATEST CLEARANCE
SO WAH	Open	10	IP Main Gate	0247	0257
20 MPH	"		Mer'ck pt 31	0253	0303
20 MPH	"	u	Mer ck pt. 3 2	0259	0309
35 MPH	"		Yucca Pass	0339	0349
35 MPH	"		RJ Y	0355	0405
15 MPH	"	"	Detrucking Area	0400	0410
			Arrive Parking ar		0 125

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ITEM	TENTATIVE	TIME	INSTRUCTIONS
1.	1300	0-1 Day	Serial NR 1 Marine, depart Cp Desert Rock for CP area.
2.	1315	D-1 Day	Serial NR 2 Marine, depart Op Desert Rock for Loading Zone NR 3.
3.	1330	D-1 Day	Serial NR 3 Marine, depart Cp Desert Rock for Loading Zone NR 1 & 2.
4.	1430	D-1 Day	532d FA Arty Bn depart Op Desert Rock to occupy stations.
5.	1430	D-1 Day	30 helicopters depart Cp Desert Rock for Loading Zone NR 1.
6.	1500	D-1 Day	Serial NR 1, 2, depart forward area for Cp Desert Rock.
7.	0200	D-Day	Control Group Exercise Desert Rock depart for forward area.
8.	0223	D-Day	Serial NR 4 arrive Mercury ck pt NR 1, will return to News Knob for emergency use if needed, thence to Cp Desert Rock.
9.	0238	D-Day	Serial NR 5. DO
10.	0253	D-Day	Serial NR 6 arrive Mercury ck pt NR 1: to trench area; thence to parking area,
11.	0415	D-Day	All vehicles close parking area and News Knob.
12.	0500	D-Day	Communication checked with FA Bn and Marine Corps CP. All troops eriented over PA system.
13.	0512	D-Day	All personnel warned to creuch in trenches or turn back toward blast.
14.	0515	H-Hour	SHOT
15.	0530	D-Day	Rad-Safe survey of trench area.
16.	0545	D-Day	Observers begin walk through display area.
17.	0545	D-Day	Marine troops begin march South down Mercury Highway to Loading Zone NR 4 and NR 5.
18.	0800	D-Day	Observers assemble and load vehicles, depart forward area.
19.	0930	D-Day	Observers arrive Cp Desert Rock.
20.	1200	D-Day	All Marine troops at Area "A", "B" and CP area. Helicoptors in vicinity of CP area.

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ITEM	TENTATIVE	TIME	INSTRUCTIONS
21.	0900	Del Day .	Serials NRs 1. 2. 3, 4, and 5 depart Cp. Desert Rock for Area A. 20 minute interval will be maintained.
22.	1000	D&1 Day	Helicopter air-lift 1 platoon from Area "A" to area "C" and return to Area "A".
23.	1130	D+1 Day	Vehicles arrive Area "A".
24.	1200	D +1 Day	Vehicles depart Area "A" for trench area.
25.	1200	D +1 Day	Helicopters depart forward area for Cp Desert Rock.
26.	1300	D +1 Day	Marine troops walk through display area.
27.	1430	D +1 Day	Vehicle Serials depart forward area for Cp Desert Rock. Serials will be dis- patched by Provost Marshal to insure traffic control over Mercury Highway and through Camp Mercury.

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ANNEX D (Emergency Evacuation Plan) TO OPERATION ORIER MR 6

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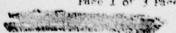
This annex outlines the procedure to be followed to accomplish the total evacuation of the forward area during Exercise Desert Rock VI. The Deputy Exercise Director, through the Control Group Commander, will direct the implementation of this plan.

2. EXECUTION

Personnel will be prepared to execute a total evacuation of the forward area at any time during D-Day.

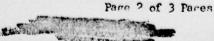
- a. The direction of evacuation will be to the South to a designated place of safety in the following order:
 - (1) Assembly area "A" (846878)
 - (2) Check Gate NR 2 Camp Mercury (914605)
 - (3) Camp Desert Rock Motor Pool (872537)
- b. Sorial Commandors will be responsible for the movement of their vehicles during the evacuation and for maintaining the proper control of their merchanits.
- c. Group Commanders will be responsible for the proper movement and loading of their groups aboard vehicles.
- d. The following procedure will be followed for personnel in the Entrenchment Area.
- (1) Observer groups in trench area will assemble and entruck in vehicles under supervision of the Group Commander.
- (2) Vohicles held at News Knob will report to trench area or leading.

 Zones NR 4 and NR 5 to pick up Marine Personnel.
- (3) Marine personnel in Leading Zone NR 1 will evacuate to Camp Desert Rock air strip by helicopter on order of Marine Brigade Commander.





- (4) Marine personnel in CP area, Loading Zones NR 2 and NR 3 will evacuate to a safe area under direction of Marine Rad-Safe survey teams and on order of Marine Brigade Commander.
- (5) Camp Desert Rock Provost Marshal will control all traffic entering Mercury Highway.
- (6) Battery "C" (-) 532d FA (Obsr) will designate FLASH OP as assembly point. When all personnel are accounted for, Battery Commander will notify Control Group Commander and proceed by most direct route to Camp Desert Rock Motor Pool.
- (?) The Control Group will evacuate the test area on order of the Deputy Exercise Director when it is assured that all other groups have been evacuated.
- (a) The Control Group Commander will have a check made of the vehicles at the designated rendezvous area.
 - e. (1) Maximum vehicle speed will be 35 MPH.
 - (2) Vehicle March Units will remain intact during all movements.
- (3) Command, MP, and medical units will have road priority during the movement.
- (4) The decontamination team of the 50th Chemical Service Platoon will move mobile and portable decontamination equipment to the designated place of safety to perform such decontamination as directed.
 - (5) Decontamination of personnel will be carried out on order.
- (6) Code designation for the evacuation plan will be "CONDITION RAIN".
- (7) "Condition Rain" will be transmitted by most readily available means and will be authenticated by the Camp Desert Rock Rad-Safe Officers.
- (8) "Condition Rain" will be transmitted to all groups of Task Force by means available. Siren at command trench will sound groups of seven (7) short blasts, with 30 second intervals between groups.
 - (9) Windows in vehicles will be closed when practical.
- (10) Individuals will refrain from eating or smoking during the evacuation.





3. MEDICAL EVACUATION

a. Aid stations in parking area will cease operation upon the evacuation of all personnel from the forward area and join the central group March Unit.

b. Casualties will be evacuated to the Medical Detachment at Camp Desert Rock.

c. Route of evacuation will be the most direct route available.

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a. Emergency Signal: Seven (7) short blasts with 30 second intervals by siron.

b. Forward CP will move from entrenchment area upon receipt of "Condition Rain". New location to be announced at time of movement.

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